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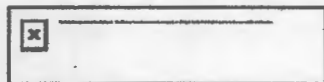
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Cc: Chavira, Raymond
Subject: RE: Follow up on R9FOIA Request - EPA-R9-2014-009888
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Dear Mr. Maldonado:

Thank you for your email and for EPA's efforts to conduct a search for responsive records. It is much appreciated. I agree to an extension to October 8, 2014 on this track of the FOIA request.

Should you need to discuss this matter by phone at any time, please call me at 717-231-5832.

Respectfully,
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Subject: RE: Follow up on R9FOIA Request - EPA-R9-2014-009888

Dear Ms. O'Dea Brill:

I am writing to follow up on your email earlier today to Ray Chavira regarding your Freedom of Information Act Request, R9-FOIA-2014-009888. I am counsel for EPA regarding the Puente Valley Superfund Site and the implementation of work being performed by Carrier Corporation under the 2007 Consent Decree. I have not represented EPA in the criminal investigation conducted by the Criminal Investigations Division.

EPA appreciates your narrowing of the FOIA request to documents that mention the withholding by Northrop Grumman (including its predecessors, affiliates, employees, consultants and other agents) of information from EPA. That will assist us in responding to you in a timely manner. We believe our response to your FOIA request is currently due on October 1, 2014. We would still appreciate some additional time to ensure that we can conduct an adequate search for any records that may be responsive. Therefore, we are requesting a short extension to October 8, 2014.

I note that EPA has granted numerous extensions to Carrier over the last eight years for work obligations and deliverables due under the consent decree that EPA entered into with Carrier in 2006. EPA management and staff would expect the same courtesy from Carrier.

If you would like to discuss this matter by phone, please call me at 415-972-3926.

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Subject: RE: Follow up on R9FOIA Request - EPA-R9-2014-009888

Dear Mr. Chavira:

Thank you for our phone conversation yesterday. This email confirms our discussion and clarifies what we are seeking through the FOIA request.

Our request focuses on records directly related to Northrop Grumman's withholding of information from EPA. Any records obtained or received by EPA that mention the withholding by Northrop Grumman (including its predecessors, affiliates, employees, consultants and other agents) of information from EPA are included. Likewise, any records generated within EPA that mention Northrop Grumman's withholding of information are included. The types of records sought include emails, letters, and memoranda, both internal to EPA and involving outside parties.

We are not interested in receiving data, including that related to the 2002/3 Deep Source Investigation or to the former TRW/Benchmark Technology, Inc., facility, unless it is in a document that mentions withholding.

In clarifying this FOIA request, I hope that the burden of production is reduced. I greatly appreciate your assistance in this process. I understand this is a busy time in your office.

I am not authorized to agree to an extension. I apologize for any inconvenience.

If the request remains unclear or confusing in any way, please call me to discuss it.

Respectfully,

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Subject: Follow up on R9FOIA Request - EPA-R9-2014-009888

Ms. O'Dea Brill,

Per our discussion this morning on EPA R9-FOIA-2014-0009888. The FOIA will be prepared under a two track process One through the Region 9 Superfund program and the other through EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement Forensics and Training (OCEFT) in Washington, DC.

I will responding to your general request for all records related to Northrop Grumman/TRW. You agreed to consider whether the request will be limited to records provided to EPA (a) prior to Dec 2012; and/or (b) after Dec 2012. Please note the PVOU Administrative Record was last updated in Sep 2011 just prior to the issuance of the UAO 2011-14 to Northrop Grumman.

EPA will work to accommodate your request by October 1, 2014, however, due to the potential high volume of documents, we are requesting a 15-day extension to October 16, 2014.

Please feel free to call me at 415.947.4218 if you have any questions.

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